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☐ Provisional ☐ Design

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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find

☒ A Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

It is a continuing application, as follows:

☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application number  
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☐ A Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(c).

☐ A Design Patent Application (submitted in duplicate).

☐ **Request for Nonpublication.** The invention(s) disclosed in the present application filed herewith has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing. Thus, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i), Applicant(s) request that the above-identified patent application not be published.

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Including the following:

- ☐ Provisional Application Cover Sheet.
- ☐ New or Revised Specification, including pages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ containing:
- ☐ Specification
  - ☐ Claims
  - ☐ Abstract
  - ☐ Substitute Specification, including Claims and Abstract.
- ☐ The present application is a continuation application of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_. The present application includes the Specification of the parent application which has been revised in accordance with the amendments filed in the parent application. Since none of those amendments incorporate new matter into the parent application, the present revised Specification also does not include new matter.
- ☐ The present application is a continuation application of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_. The present application includes the Specification of the parent application which has been revised in accordance with the amendments filed in the parent application. Although the amendments in the parent C-I-P application may have incorporated new matter, since those are the only revisions included in the present application, the present application includes no new matter in relation to the parent application.
- ☒ A copy of earlier application Serial No. 09/251,232 Filed February 16, 1999, including Specification, Claims and Abstract (pages 1 - 35), to which no new matter has been added TOGETHER WITH a copy of the executed oath or declaration for such earlier application and all drawings and appendices. Such earlier application is hereby incorporated into the present application by reference.
- ☐ Please enter the following amendment to the Specification under the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section (or create such a section) : "This Application:
- ☐ is a continuation of ☐ is a divisional of ☐ claims benefit of U.S. provisional Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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- ☐ Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ 8 Sheets of Formal Drawings.
- ☒ Drawing view to publish: Figure 1.
- ☐ Petition to Accept Photographic Drawings.
- ☐ Petition Fee
- ☐ An ☐ Executed ☐ Unexecuted Declaration or Oath and Power of Attorney.
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- ☐ A Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
- ☐ Recordation Fee - \$40.00.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to PE Corporation (NY)
- ☐ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (country).
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the above applications for which priority is claimed:
- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☐ has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Please enter the following amendment to the first sentence of the specification (or create such a sentence): "This application claims benefit of international application No. \_\_\_\_\_, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English."
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as:

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- ☐ an Independent Inventor
- ☐ a Small Business Concern
- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization.

- ☐ Diskette Containing DNA/Amino Acid Sequence Information.
- ☐ Statement to Support Submission of DNA/Amino Acid Sequence Information.
- ☐ Sequence listing consisting of pages \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The computer readable form in this application \_\_\_\_\_, is identical with that filed in Application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the ☐ first-filed, ☐ last-filed or ☐ only computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is ☐ included in the originally-filed specification of the instant application, ☐ included in a separately filed preliminary amendment for incorporation into the specification.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
- ☐ Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.
- ☐ A copy of Petition for Extension of Time as filed in the prior case.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (should be specifically itemized).
- ☒ Other as follows: Copy of Power of Attorney with Revocation and Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73 (b), Version with markings to show changes made attached to Preliminary Amendment.

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- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

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UTILITY APPLICATION; ALL CLAIMS CALCULATED AFTER ENTRY OF ALL AMENDMENTS							
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TOTAL CLAIMS	6 - 20 =	0		\$9 each	\$	\$18 each	\$ 0
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- ☒ A Check is enclosed in the amount of \$ 710.00.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following fees and to refund any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to deposit account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or

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any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to deposit account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

**SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR** with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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